



MISS BANGOR  
Denise Brown



MISS MATTAWAN  
Nicki Knoblock



MISS CASSOPOLIS  
Sandra Kay Watson



MISS SOUTH HAVEN  
Tressia Cramer



MISS EDWARDSBURG  
Paula Soales



MISS HARTFORD  
Debra Coombe

## Selection Of 6 Completes Queens List

Selection of these six community queens Saturday night completed 1973 entries in annual Miss Blossomtime pageant. Each will represent her community in April 16 contest at Benton Harbor high school. Queens from 22 other communities throughout southwestern Michigan have been selected previously. Miss Blossomtime will reign over annual Blossom Festival slated for April 29 through May 5.

Following are accounts of the Saturday night queen choosings:

### Bangor

BANGOR — Denise Brown, a senior honor student at Bangor high school, was selected Miss Bangor 1973 Saturday night.

Miss Brown, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, route 2, Grand Junction. She is 5 feet 7 and has brown eyes and brown hair. Her mother Jeanne was runner-up in the 1954 Miss Bangor contest.

She enjoys sewing, gardening and organic cooking and gardening. Miss Brown plans to attend beauty college. She wore a knit gown with full skirt of white trimmed with yellow flowers and bodice accented with beige lace.

The contest was witnessed by

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about 500 persons in the Bangor middle school auditorium. Theme of the contest was "A Walk Down Memory Lane."

First runner-up was Frances Salinas, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Salinas, route 2, Bangor. She is a senior at Bangor high. Second runner-up was Charlotte Drake, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake, route 1, Bangor. She is also a senior at Bangor. Laleita Oden, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kitchen, route 1, Box 136, Grand Junction, was voted Miss Congeniality. She is a junior.

### Cassopolis

CASSOPOLIS — A host of former Cassopolis Blossomtime beauty pageant winners ushered in Miss Sandra Kay Watson as 1973 queen here Saturday night.

With nine past contest winners acting as pages and ushers, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson of route 1, Box 278, Vandalia, hosted a field of 20 entries for the crown.

Miss Watson, who wore a long sleeved, high necked blue formal is a senior at Cassopolis high school, where she is a member of the yearbook staff. Her hobbies include bowling, swimming and golf and she is planning to attend Parson's Business college following graduation.



ARTHUR W. STOVER  
Passenger dies

## Niles Air Crash Kills Two! Berrien Industrialist Arthur Stover And Airport Manager Are Victims

NILES — A Berrien Springs industrial executive and the manager of Niles airport were both killed when their light plane crashed and burned near here while landing during a thunderstorm Saturday night.

Dead are Arthur W. Stover, 63, Apple Knob, US-31, Berrien Springs, and the pilot, Keith D. Baird, 51, of 2022 Lake street, Niles, manager of Niles airport.

Stover was chairman of the

board of National Mobile Concrete corporation, Berrien Springs; president of Midwest Tank and Fabricating corporation, Buchanan; and owner of Mid-America Terminals, Owensboro, Ky.

The crash scene was about eight miles south of where two Berrien Springs men were killed Jan. 14, 1973, in the crash of their single-engine plane.

State police at Niles said the plane crashed about 2 1/2 miles

southwest of here after entering the normal landing approach to the airport, located on the northeast side of the city. The plane went down a half mile south of US 12, between Weaver and Portage roads in Bertrand township.

Police said the plane's gas tanks apparently exploded on impact. Cause of the crash has not been determined.

The right wing clipped a tree, before the twin engine Piper

Navajo belly landed in a fence row, bonced, and landed in the middle of a wheat field, according to police.

The plane was on an instrument flight from Owensboro, Ky., where Stover owns a business, said police.

Fellow pilots said they felt weather was a factor in the crash. They pointed out that there was a thunderstorm over the area at the time, causing considerable turbulence.

Fred Litty of Niles described Baird as a pilot "who didn't make mistakes".

Litty said Baird had logged more than 10,000 hours flying time since 1942. He was a pilot during World War II, held a commercial license, and was licensed for flight instruction and instrument flight instrument.

Baird was named manager of Niles airport in October.

First persons on the crash scene were Troopers Kenneth Olney and Page Neve of Niles



KEITH D. BAIRD  
Pilot killed

post, who were patrolling on US-12 about 8:55 p.m. when they reported seeing a flash of light and flames shooting into the air.

They said fire had already consumed the plane when they reached the crash scene.

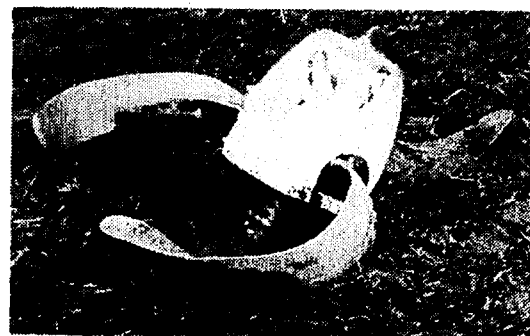
Police said the pilot had radioed the control tower at South Bend airport at 8:53 p.m. that he had just passed beacon marking runway approach to Niles airport.

Federal Aviation administration officials from South Bend (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



INSPECTS WRECKAGE: Jack G. Harrington, air safety inspector, National Transportation Safety board, inspects burned wreckage of plane in which a Berrien Springs industrial executive and manager of Niles airport were both killed Saturday

night in a crash near Niles. Wire fencing wrapped around one of plane's engines, foreground, is from fence plane crashed through on initial impact. (Staff photos)



TWISTED PROP: One of two propellers was torn from plane which crashed near Niles Saturday night, killing two Berrien county men.

### Settlement Near?

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Provisional agreement that could lead to the end of the 34-day occupation of Wounded Knee has been reached by the federal government and activist Indians.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Kent Frizzell, the government's chief negotiator, told a news conference Sunday that "a consensus" had been reached at that day's session on more than half of 10 Indian demands.

"Possibly two or three items remain to be negotiated today," he said. "I think the confrontation is very close to being settled. In my opinion, remarkable progress has been made...."

## Buchanan Man In Big Draw Berrien Has Another Lucky Lottery Ticket

BUCHANAN — For the third time in as many weeks, a Berrien county resident has cashed in big on the state lottery.

Roy (Gene) Lolmaugh, 37, 311 Claremont street, Buchanan, is the latest lucky winner. Guaranteed of at least \$10,000, he will compete for up to \$200,000 in this week's drawing Thursday at Detroit.

Three other county residents, Mrs. Phyllis Dougan of Berrien Springs, Louis Dockins of Benton Harbor and James Schwark of Three

Oaks, have each won \$50,000 in the lottery. Three other area persons also won \$50,000 each.

Lolmaugh said he plans to take his wife and two daughters on a special vacation this summer, financed by lottery winnings.

He said it was the first time he had ever won anything.

Lolmaugh purchased his lucky ticket at Lou Ann Food Ranch in Niles. He said he buys \$5 worth of lottery tickets each week.

He is owner of The Stein bar in Niles.

Laura Taube, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taube of 2221 and has brown hair and eyes. First runner-up was Miss (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



ROY (GENE) LOLMAUGH  
Wins in lottery



PLANE CLIPS TREE: Piece of wing, foreground, was torn from wing of plane when it hit and broke off two limbs on right side of tree in background. Inspecting the scene is Robert Koester, South Bend, Ind., office of Federal Aeronautics Administration.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

### Bike And Horse Riders-- Prepare To Mount!

Bicycle riders, arise! There is a meeting April 5 at 8 p.m. in Central High School, Grand Rapids, that concerns you. You'll have a chance to tell officials of the Michigan State Highway Department where you think they ought to build bicycle paths.

Since the state is going to spend at least \$2 million a year creating such paths, you taxpayers might also want to get a word in. That would probably be out of order, however, since the Grand Rapids session is scheduled specifically for discussion of "non-motorized transportation."

The meeting is the closest to the Twin Cities among a series of four being held around the state during the next few days.

The State Highway Department admits it knows nothing at all about building bicycle paths. But it has been directed — by the state's new mass transportation act — to develop a statewide system of paths for "non-motorized transportation."

Some \$2 million a year, divided between the state, county road commissions and cities and villages, would be earmarked for these paths which, incidentally, could include hiking trails, cross-country skiing paths or bridle paths.

The money will come from the 2-cent per-gallon increase in gasoline taxes passed by the Legislature last year to finance a mass transportation program. The gas tax increase is being challenged and a petition drive is under way to put the levy on the ballot.

"We're the first to admit we don't know where we're going," said Carl Jager of the department's advance planning section.

"That's why we scheduled a series of public meetings around the state. We are trying to get ideas from the potential users and determine where we should be going."

"We also want to get the thinking of

other states. As for our own contribution — well, we have the construction know how."

Several cities are developing bicycle paths on their own, and the state participation is sure to spur this development.

"But at this moment we don't know how much of our effort will be directed toward urbanized areas and how much will be directed to the country," Jager said.

"That will depend on what information we get from these meetings — as well as our time-table."

The department has several friends in the Legislature: Reps. William R. Bryant Jr., R-Grosse Pointe Farms, and Joseph Forbes, D-Oak Park.

The two have pledged to pick up where former Rep. Richard Allen, R-Ithaca, left off. It was Allen who inserted the bicycle language in the mass transit bill in the first place.

"I'm preparing a bill that would impose a \$3 annual fee on all adult-sized bicycles and use the money for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program of hiking, skiing, riding trails," Bryant says.

Bryant adds that the Department of Natural Resources would like to join the highway department in its venture to build paths for non-motorized vehicles.

To that end Bryant said he is preparing a bill that would impose a \$3 annual fee on all adult-sized bikes with the money going to coordinate work on the two agencies.

Bike-riding is healthy and horse-riding is pretty. Even though it's a pain to shell out more tax money, the state has lavished dollars on worse things. Another plus is the fact that the State Highway Department has been entrusted with the responsibility. The department has some real experience and generally at the moment is a pretty competent outfit.

### And They Aren't April Fooling!



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

**JULIE ROBARDS  
BUCHANAN QUEEN**  
— 1 Year Ago —

The joy of Easter came to Julie Robards, as the silver tiara sparkled in her soft, brown hair.

She received the tiara, together with large bouquet and formal robe, and began her reign as Miss Buchanan, 1972. Miss Robards is 18 years old and is a senior at Buchanan high school. She is the daughter of Phyllis and Kenneth Robards and resides at 404 West Third Street, Buchanan.

**LOIS LITAKER  
MISS STEVENSVILLE**  
— 10 Years Ago —  
With a smile that persisted from the moment she stepped

before the audience until the crown was placed on her head, Lois Jean Litaker beamed radiantly, as she became Miss Stevensville of 1963.

The tall, statuesque queen, who is the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Litaker, route 2, Box 335, Stevensville, was selected from a field of 18 contestants in a two-hour contest held at the elementary school. The brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty was crowned by Miss Vita Ast, Miss Stevensville of 1962.

**ALLIES ADVANCE  
AT CASSINO**  
— 29 Years Ago —

A broad Russian squeeze offensive struck on today toward Odessa and perhaps 200,000 Nazis in that Black sea port,

while Berlin declared Soviet units far to the northwest had reached the northern approaches of the Jablonka pass through the ancient Carpathian gateway to Czechoslovakia.

In Central Italy, a sudden allied surge carried a mile and occupied Mt. Marone, 5,000 foot peak 13 miles northeast of the stalemated battleground of Cassino town, straightening the Fifth army line.

**SELLS AGENCY**

— 39 Years Ago —  
Sale of the wholesale newspaper agencies in the twin cities to Raymond Cohen of Champaign, Ill., is announced by Robert L. Carlton of Carlton & Walter, St. Joseph news dealers. Carlton & Walter will continue to retail newspapers, magazines and periodicals at their State street store.

**PLAN NEW CHURCH**

— 49 Years Ago —  
Plans are under way for a new Zion Evangelical church which is to be built this year on the site at the corner of Niles and Harrison avenues where an annex used by the congregation was built several years ago. Designed by John C. Schwerdt, local architect, the building will cost about \$40,000.

**WANTS HOME**

— 59 Years Ago —  
Judge R. E. Barr of the probate court and the juvenile court, in a communication, tells why the voters of Berrien county should sanction an appropriation for construction of an \$8,000 county juvenile detention home.

**MORE WHEELS**

— 83 Years Ago —  
A number of new bicycles have been added to the fine lot of wheels owned by young men in St. Joseph.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

**NAACP LETTER  
TO SEN. ZOLLAR**

Editor,  
I thought you might want to publish this letter I am sending to Senator Zollar:  
State Sen. Charles Zollar  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Senator Zollar:  
The continuing strike by teachers at the Lake Michigan college in Benton Harbor is cause of great concern of the Twin City Area National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

For many minority group citizens in the Lake Michigan college community this junior college is the only hope they have of gaining higher education. Economic restrictions and the need to hold full employment while earning a college education means that for poor people the nearby junior college is the only affordable method of going to college.

Black students make up less than 25 per cent of the total enrollment at LMC, but the impact of the strike is felt as keenly by the black community as if they made up the majority.

Our students cannot afford to go elsewhere for their college education, and this strike is denying them their opportunity for an education they are entitled to receive. Public funds are being dissipated by the continued stalemate and the students are the principal sufferers.

College professors and college administrators should, of all people, have the power to reason together to resolve differences. Are they not the intellectual leaders of the community? Are they not more concerned about academic pursuit than monetary pursuit? Did not the elected board make a commitment to better education for the students at LMC? How can this happen if there is no education taking place? Both sides are letting the public and the students down.

As one of the early pioneers for the establishment of a community college, and as a strong

leader in the Benton Harbor community, we urge you to use the power of your office to bring better results into the condition that exists here between the college trustees and the college teachers.

Black people, poor people, and taxpayers alike are disgusted at the charade we are paying for. An education is the goal of the students at the college, and providing that education should be the goal of the faculty and managers who run the college. Must the taxpayers strike in order to have this matter resolved? I hope you can bring about a speedy resolution that will prevent a recurrence of this disgraceful exhibit in the future.

Hershel McKenzie, president,  
Twin City branch, NAACP

### Stockholm Jews Stage Protest

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Police kept small groups of Jewish demonstrators from getting near Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin when he arrived today for a state visit.

The demonstrators, protesting restrictions on Jews trying to leave the Soviet Union, were kept about 200 yards from Kosygin and it was not likely he noticed them quietly holding up placards.

### Coast Guard Retires Cutters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Coast Guard said today 10 of its older cutters will be retired over the next year because the ocean stations they have been patrolling in the Atlantic and the Pacific are being discontinued.

In addition, this weekend the Coast Guard will shut down 15 of its rescue stations—most of them on the Great Lakes—and decommission two 20-year-old 95-foot patrol boats.

Ray Cromley

### Red Actions Speak Truer Than Words



WASHINGTON (NEA) — We pay too much attention to what Peking and Moscow say — and not enough to what they do.

Mao Tse-tung's "inflexible" public stand has been that China will not do business with Western countries which recognize the Chinese government on Taiwan. Yet it is now clear that Mao's men have found a formula by which Japan and the United States can keep their economic and political relationships with Taiwan and yet have rather normal contacts with Peking.

The Soviet Union has followed suit. To achieve economic assistance from the United States, Moscow apparently has agreed to abolish its tax on men and women wishing to leave that country.

Both Peking and Moscow have affirmed loudly their backing for Hanoi. They have invested heavily in money and weapons in the Vietnam war. Support of leftwing underground invasions is a centerpiece in Communist credo.

Yet when President Nixon mined North Vietnam's rivers and harbors and resumed intensive bombing of the North, the Soviet Union let the White House know that Mr. Nixon would be welcome in Moscow regardless and told Hanoi bluntly Russia's interests were paramount. There is no doubt Moscow and Peking, for their own national purposes, put restraints on Hanoi in the months preceding a cease-fire.

The world is pragmatic. This does not mean China and the U.S.S.R. have given up their

worldwide revolutionary aims. They will foster new underground subversions and open invasions when these seem profitable—and safe.

A recent report in this column outlined Peking's new anti-American, anti-Russian plans. A similar report could be made on the Kremlin. Americans should not forget these facts in their euphoria over the breakthroughs to China and Russia.

But we must not forget, either, that when it serves their national interests, Mao's China and Brezhnev's Russia will deal with the United States. There are times, as in the war against Hitler and Tojo, that our interests coincide, at least temporarily.

At such times it is possible and practical to "deal" with the Russians and Chinese — looking carefully at each arrangement, not buying a pig in a poke or paying too high a price.

If the Russians and Chinese wish to cooperate, they will meet any reasonable terms we lay down. If they do not wish to cooperate at any given time, no terms short of our surrender will win their cooperation. This adds up to old-fashioned horse trading.

When the Soviet Union wishes better relations because of its economic crisis, this may be used to ease the Middle East crisis. If China, in fear of a Russian invasion, wants to move closer to this country, this can be made useful in negotiating added stability in Southeast Asia.

Marianne Means

### Watergate Case Will Leave Mark



WASHINGTON — The unprecedented scope and intensity of Republican espionage and sabotage activities against Democrats last year seem certain to have an inhibiting effect upon future Presidential campaigns.

Smeared and name-calling and a variety of unfair practices are more common in national politics than most public figures would care to admit. In addition, most politicians have a touch of paranoia that leads them to suspect the worst of their rivals even when they are working more on imagination than evidence.

But the reality of several convictions for illegal electronic eavesdropping during a Presidential campaign is something else again. If it happened once, it can happen again.

From now on, the prudent candidate for President — or for any important statewide office — must guard against the real

possibility that he may be spied upon by an unscrupulous opponent.

And that is a shame. It will mean candidates will become vastly more security-conscious — and many of them are already too secretive and removed from public contact.

It will mean candidates will have to spend more money for guards, paper shredders, debugging devices and the like — and campaigns are already dangerously expensive. It means that busy advisers will have to devote part of their time to negative and protective aspects of the campaign, rather than concentrating on positive activities like explaining the issues.

In retrospect there was a refreshing naivete about the 1972 Presidential campaigns of Sens. Edmund Muskie, George McGovern, and Hubert Humphrey — and about Humphrey's 1968 campaign as well. Officials sometimes muttered darkly about the untrustworthy nature of the opposition. And Secret Service agents protected the physical safety of the candidates.

But the campaign managers operated basically on the assumption that the other side would not dare to pull something illegal, out of fear of being caught if not out of ethics. Asked if he thought either the 1968 or 1972 campaign might have been deliberately sabotaged, a major Humphrey strategist replied, "It never occurred to me."

### Trustees Join Flood Battle

ESTRAL BEACH, Mich. (AP) — The threat of flooding apparently is over, at least temporarily, for the little village of Estral Beach, 15 miles northeast of Monroe, whose dike was undermined by burrowing muskrats.

About 100 trustees for Southern Michigan Prison joined the fight here against Lake Erie which began Thursday. "The water was ripping right through there...it was sucking sandbags and everything else along with it," said Village Fire Chief Hank Krierim.

### Engineering Is Back As A Glamour Leader

Several years of a surplus of engineering graduates on the job market convinced an unbelieving public that the profession which had been a glamour leader for a quarter century finally had become saturated. A period of declining interest set in, resulting in shrinking enrollments in engineering schools.

The 52,100 freshmen enrolled in engineering this year are 11 per cent fewer than were enrolled last year. Last year's class was down 18 per cent from the previous year. Now guess what? A serious shortage of engineering personnel in the United States is projected.

Hindsight tells us the shortage of

engineering slots which developed five years or so ago was due to a coincidental set of temporary circumstances. The sharp curtailment of the space program threw thousands of engineers and related talent out of work — in heavily concentrated areas. The economic recession of 1970-71 reduced hiring all along the line, further emphasizing the plight of unemployed engineers.

A dramatic turnabout will be needed to produce sufficient personnel to reduce projected manpower shortages of 10,000 engineers a year. That is a challenge more real than the supposed engineering surpluses of a half decade ago.

### Collector For All

A sizable percentage of taxpayers who attempt to cheat on their federal income taxes eventually discover that the federal government, despite all its bureaucratic fumbling, is a reasonably effective tax collector.

It has the benefit of many years of practice and has managed to plug into its system of information gathering everything from savings institutions to employers and of course the individual

taxpayer.

Further, experience has taught IRS examiners when a suspicious tax return calls for a more extensive audit. The IRS has one other advantage: it knows and understands the nation's cumbersome tax laws far better than the lay taxpayer.

Having acknowledged Washington's tax collection efficiency, does it necessarily follow that the federal government should become the tax collector for the states? IRS Commissioner Johnnie M. Walters not only thinks it should, but predicts his agency will be doing exactly that for some states by 1975, and probably all states by 1980.

Provision for such a transfer of collection authority was included in the Revenue Sharing Act which became law last October. Walters has a convincing argument why the states will accept the concept.

"We'll do the dirty work," he said and the states will get the money. "It's a perfect system for the smart politician," Walters added.

As for the taxpayer, the change could have mixed results. The total tax take could be larger, but the individual would have only one return to file. As the taxpayer plows through another reporting season, that last point sounds too good to be true.

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### BERRY'S WORLD



"It says, 'I hate to make you feel badly, but the weather up north has been absolutely beautiful'..."



## SJ TWP. POLICE FORCE ON JOB

### Benson Asks For Year's Trial Run

BY BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Residents questioned and criticized creation of St. Joseph township's new police department for several hours Saturday before being asked by township officials to give it a chance for one year.

About 250 persons attended the annual township meeting at Fairplain Junior high school which was dominated by discussion of the new department. The majority either expressed opposition or confusion over why it was created in the first place.

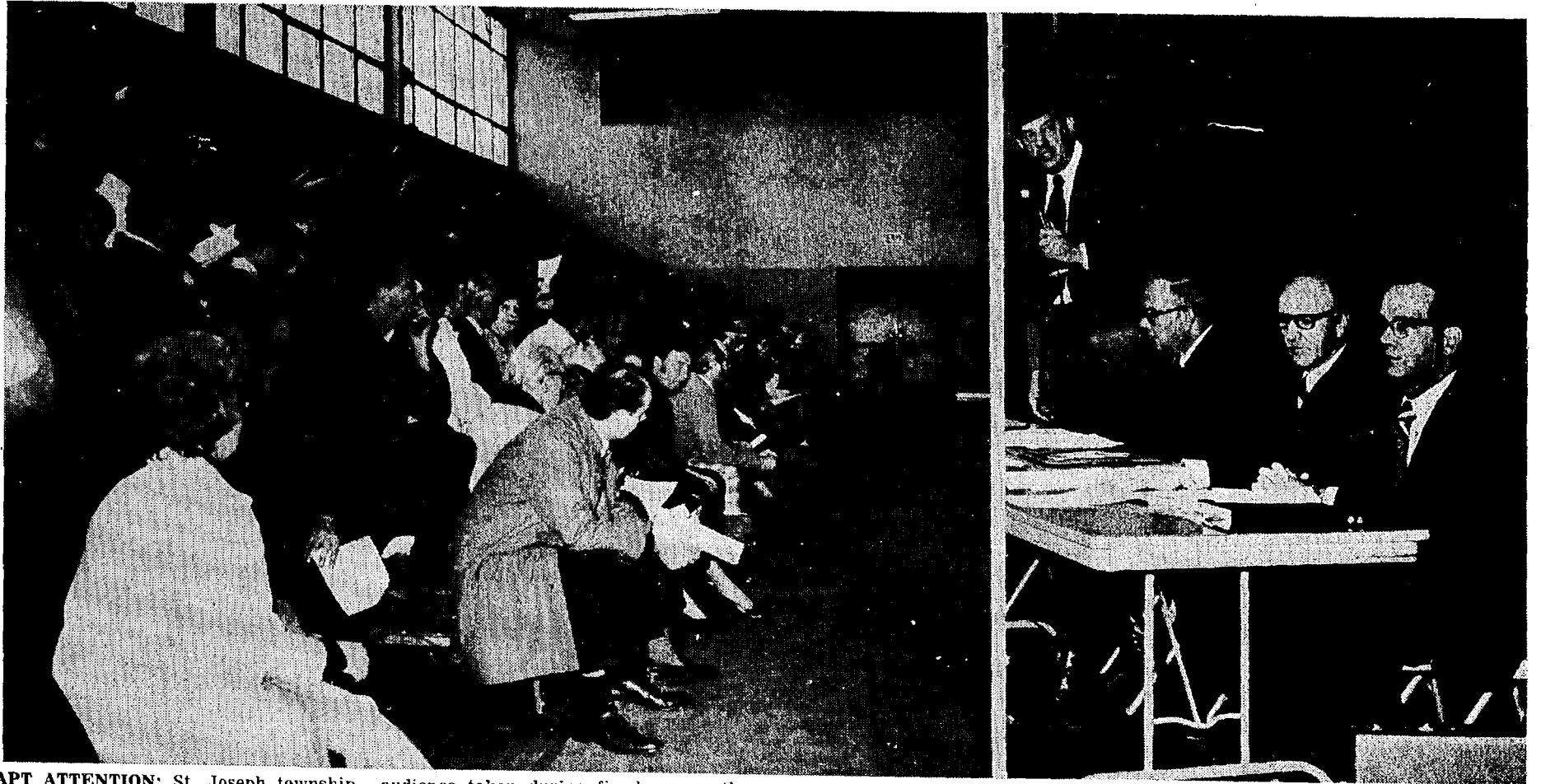
Orval Benson, township supervisor, pointed out that the townships of Benton, Niles, Coloma and Oronoko have their own police departments as do Watervliet and Chikaming townships on a more limited basis. "No one is unhappy in those areas," he said.

Benson asked the residents to give the new police department a chance for one year. He assured them they would then be happy with it and would agree the board had gone in the right direction.

The board has not brushed aside petitions with nearly 1,100 signatures opposing the new police department, Benson said. The board is giving them serious consideration and will have further comment at the next regular meeting.

The new department went into operation at 10 p.m. Saturday. Capt. Keith Mills, acting chief of the Benton Harbor police department, will assume command of the township's four-man department Wednesday. He pledged one car would always be on the road and two much of the time and that he will be working 14-16 hours a day.

In answer to questions, township officials said: none of the agencies involved in the previous contract for police services from the Berrien sheriff's department were happy with it; that police car



**RAPT ATTENTION:** St. Joseph township residents are engrossed in proceedings at their annual meeting in view at left of

audience taken during five-hour meeting Saturday at Fairplain junior high school. They're listening to Keith Mills (right)

pledge more police protection with new township department over which he assumes command this week. Seated from right of

Mills are Orval Benson, township supervisor; E. A. Larson, township treasurer; and John Crow, township attorney. (Staff photos)

maintenance last year totaled about \$4,000; and that residents who are dissatisfied can vote down millage for police services next August.

Township Atty. John Crow explained that a special hearing with a vote by residents would be required if the board were seeking special assessments to support the new police department. Since no taxes are going to be added, no public hearing is necessary on the police department, he added.

The annual meeting was marked by an attempt to stop salary increases for township officials in the new budget because the township board created the police department. The attempt was voted down by voice vote.

The \$345,174 budget presented by the board represents a \$35,000 increase. The budget

gives a \$450 raise to Benson, making his salary \$9,450. The treasurer and clerk each got a \$300 raise for an annual salary of \$6,000 each. Gross pay for four trustees is hiked by \$960 to a total of \$4,800.

Township Atty. John Crow explained to the audience that state law makes the board responsible for the budget. Township residents in attendance could not approve or disapprove the budget because they did not necessarily represent the township, he explained.

On the police department issue, township officials said they would pay for police services from current millage, general funds and part of revenue sharing funds. Police services in the next budget will cost about \$63,000. The contract from the Berrien sheriff's

department was for \$52,000, but township officials estimated additional police services would have brought cost to the township up and over the \$60,000 mark.

Township officials also disagreed with Sheriff Forrest "Nick" Jewell over why negotiations for continued police service from his department collapsed.

Elmer (Larry) Larson, township treasurer and a member of the police committee, said Jewell presented a new contract that was also unsatisfactory and was asked to revise it. "But he never came back to us,"

Jewell said he was preparing for a third negotiation meeting in March when he was informed the township was going to create its own department. He said a counter proposal to his

new contract was never made.

Township Trustee Carroll Gerbel, a member of the police committee, said he felt the "board didn't negotiate to the fullest extent" and that "we could have worked out disagreements with Jewell."

The decision to start a new department was made before the \$63,000 cost was known, Gerbel said. The idea required more time, research and input from citizens, he added.

Asked why residents weren't in the picture when the decision to create the department was made, Crow blamed the press for failing to help the board keep the public informed. This newspaper never reported that the previous contract with the sheriff's department was not available, he said.

(This newspaper covers every meeting of the St. Joseph township board. However, the newspaper was not informed of the plans to create a township police department until the board took formal action Feb. 6. The board's action was reported as have been subsequent discussions on the police department.)

Benson said disagreements such as the one over police ser-

vices could be avoided if residents attended every board meeting and voiced opinions. Noting opposition surfaced after the decision was made, Benson said "the board usually sits to an empty room" at its meetings.

Under the contract with the sheriff last year, the township had its own car, paid maintenance and had four deputies assigned to the township. Under the new contract offered by Jewell, the sheriff's department would have supplied the police car and maintenance and would have assigned officers to patrol from the office.

The township's total budget last year was \$569,972, but only \$445,196.11 was spent.

Dan Masini, 757 Tucker drive, asked why the board is budgeting \$100,000 more this year than it spent last year.

Bill Payne Smith, township clerk, answered that comparisons should be made between budgets. He said the township probably will spend less than budgeted this year just as it did in 1972-73.

The township budget begins

April 1 but assessments are collected at the end of the year, Smith explained. In between the township has to operate so more funds are budgeted in certain departments than are really needed, he said.

Other increases over what was spent last year are: \$14,500 more for clerical; \$9,000 more for building inspection; \$5,000 more for tax assessing and board of review; \$3,400 more for travel allowances and expenses; \$4,800 more for insurance bonds; \$1,700 more for engineering fees; \$20,000 for drains (\$25,000 was budgeted for drains last year but no expenditures are listed); \$4,100

for office supplies and equipment; rubbish pick-up, \$4,300; fire department, \$10,000; police, \$2,600; parks department, \$12,500; and public works department, \$5,000. Those increases account for most of the \$100,000.

In addition to the new operating budget, the township listed \$820,161.29 in debt expenses for 1973-1974. These include \$305,990 in water principal and interest, \$25,791 in interest, \$487,137.50 in sewer collection principal and interest, and \$1,242.79 for miscellaneous charges.

### SJ Polls Open Till 8 Tonight

Polls will be open until 8 o'clock tonight in St. Joseph for balloting on two unopposed city commission seats. Incumbent Commissioners Franklin Smith and C. A. Tobias

are unopposed. Smith is city mayor elected by the commission. The office of mayor does not appear on the ballot. All 10 precincts in the city are open.

### Lakeshore Grades Available Wednesday

Parents of Lakeshore high school students will be able to pick up their children's third marking period report cards and confer with teachers Wednesday, April 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Principal Jon Schuster has announced.

Schuster said all high school faculty members will be present for mini-conferences to discuss grades given.

## Raises For Township Employees Included

# Benton Approves Budget Of \$1.2 Million

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

Benton township Saturday approved a record 1973 budget of slightly over \$1.2 million without one objection from the crowd of about 45 persons in attendance at the annual township meeting.

It was the second year in a row that Benton has been a million-dollar business, a far-cry from the 1971 budget when the township was forced to operate on \$712,920.

According to Treasurer James Culby, the 1973 budget is \$1,274,108, compared to last year's budget of \$1,052,700. The increase in the 1973 budget partially reflects the \$122,000 in revenue sharing receipts Benton will receive.

#### SIX PER CENT RAISES

The budget also includes raises of some six per cent for some township employees, plus major raises for supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

Figures showed the supervisor will earn \$10,000 (a \$1,500 boost); the township clerk \$10,000 (up \$2,000); and the treasurer \$7,500 (up \$1,000). Clerk Ralph Dahn said the salaries of those three officials have only been raised about three times in the past 12 years.

A number of persons in the audience expressed opinions that the supervisory personnel directing the township should get more money than they are presently receiving, and there was wide-spread agreement among persons in attendance.

Clerk Dahn said he was glad to hear the citizenry approved of the raises, even though the raises were small.

The budget marks \$303,945 for the police department, down about \$13,000 from last year; \$274,781 for the fire department, a cutback of about \$17,000; \$189,716 for administration; \$80,750 for rubbish and trash collection; \$48,949 for building inspection; and

\$40,555 for the parks department.

The remainder will go towards housing inspection, street lighting, planning commission, rehabilitation department, planning commission, and township hall and grounds.

#### COMPLIMENTS TO THE BOARD

There were compliments to the Board of Trustees from citizens for the efficient manner in which they operated Benton township government, and elected officials in turn thanked residents for their support.

Annual reports were given by department heads:

Treasurer James Culby said the total tax levy for 1972 was \$4,427,174, of which almost 89 per cent had been collected. Culby noted the lion's share of the money went to schools, with \$2,689,781 allocated, with slightly over \$260,000 still delinquent. Other tax money is allocated to police, fire, general fund, water, street paving, lighting, sewers, and special items.

Culby said of each tax dollar, about 63 per cent goes to schools, about 18 per cent to Benton township, and a little more than 19 per cent to Berrien county.

#### POLICE CHIEF GIVES REPORT

Police Chief Joe Sieber said his department handled 9,171 complaints in 1972, and added the officers answered more complaints per man than any other police department in southwestern Michigan.

Police also investigated 1,129 accidents involving vehicles, five of which were fatalities, Sieber said.

The department also arrested 815 persons, and issued 984 traffic summonses, the chief said.

Following his report, Sieber made a special statement concerning the death last October of 14-year-old Carlton Hull.

He said: "We (the police department) are sincerely sorry for

the shooting incident which took the life of Carlton Hull. An incident like this has never happened in the 20 years of the department. Speaking for myself and the members of the department, I hope it will never happen again."

Hull was killed when he was fired upon from a police roadblock as he allegedly attempted to elude police in a stolen car.

#### FEELS CRIME RATE ON RISE

Sieber was questioned about the crime rate in the township, and he replied the department handled more complaints this past year than in previous years. He felt the crime rate was still on the rise.

Steve Knuth of the fire department said firefighters responded to 361 fires last year, five less than the previous year. There was one fatality last year in the township as the result of fire.

Clerk Dahn said it was a good reflection on the fire and building inspection departments that total fire losses were down from past years.

Sammie Smith, executive director of the housing commission, reported there is a shortage of elderly, as well as general, types of housing in the township. He also noted the Department of Housing and Urban Development approved a modernization program to upgrade the structures and grounds at Blossom Acres in the amount of \$560,095.

Building Inspector Chester Shuck placed the value of building permits issued in 1972 at \$3.4 million, a decrease from last year's value of about \$5.9 million. He said 159 permits were issued for new buildings with an estimated value of \$2.2 million, and a total of 1,102 permits were issued and \$23,591 collected.

#### PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

The parks committee reported the township park on Zollar

drive is nearly 90 per cent completed, with final phases to include a baseball park and fences.

The library report was submitted by Robert Vandenberg and stated Benton's share for use of the public library was about \$17,000. The report said the library has some 65,000 books for use by citizens.

A special resolution was adopted honoring Angeline DeWolff, a librarian with the bookmobile, who will retire June 2.

Ben Davis, Model Cities director, elaborated on the 18 projects of the joint Benton township-Benton Harbor Model Cities program, ranging from family aides to scholarships at LMC to health programs. It was noted that of the 150 Model Cities programs throughout the U.S., Davis is the only director who started with the program and is still in the same capacity.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

James Benson, chairman of the planning commission, reported the commission reviewed 50 items of business, held 18 public hearings on special permits and zoning changes, and approved 14 of them. He also said seven used car licenses were approved.

Supervisor Martin Lane concluded the reports by noting the growth of Benton township, including the new Indiana and Michigan facility in the Pipestone Industrial Park; the Whirlpool Administrative center; and the Claremont Nursing home on Empire avenue. He also complimented the industrial park, Fairplain Plaza, and Lake Michigan college on their growth and progress.

Lane also thanked the news media for their coverage, saying reporters of this newspaper: "Judiciously attend every one of our meetings, and if I may say so, seem to report the events of our meetings very accurately with very few exceptions."

## Suit Against LMC Still On

# Strikers Denied Injunction

MASON - Ingham County Circuit Judge James T. Kallman declined this morning to issue an injunction to cut off the spending of public funds by Lake Michigan college.

At the same time, however, he refused to dismiss a suit by nine striking teachers, students and taxpayers in the LMC district to give them more time to develop evidence to support their

charges of illegal spending of public funds.

In denying a temporary injunction, Judge Kallman said from the bench this morning the plaintiff had not shown suf-

ficient grounds to support their complaint of illegal spending at the college. The case was left open and Atty. Bernard Fieger, counsel for the group of plaintiffs, said plans to start taking

depositions next week in an effort to reinforce the charge. He indicated he would take depositions from LMC President James Lehman and other college officials.

Yesterday's session in the case was a continuation from March 15.

Judge Kallman today dismissed four state officials as defendants. They were the state treasurer, superintendent of schools, and the heads of the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of Administration. The judge said if an injunction should be granted in the future there would still be sufficient control over the expending of college funds.

After arguments on a defendant's motion to dismiss, Judge Kallman said he was somewhat confused. Both plaintiffs and defendants were agreed the college should remain open, he noted, added that the plaintiffs claim funds are being spent illegally and the defendants deny this. "But informed sources of how the funds are being spent illegally were never brought to light," he stated.

Remaining defendants after the four state officials were dismissed are President James Lehman and the board of trustees.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Edwin Prong, teachers strike leader, and his wife, Gwen; Edward Shaffer, head of the teachers bargaining team, and his wife, Nancy; John Calsbeck, a striking teacher, and his wife, Mary; Stephen Sagri of New Troy, a student, and Rolf Bielefeld of St. Joseph and Mrs. Margaret Hausler of Benton Harbor, both residents of the district.

Assistant State Attorney General Gerald Young and Atty. Paul Taglia of St. Joseph, argued the motions for the defense.

A motion of the defense to have the case transferred to Berrien county circuit court was not pursued after Judge Kallman declined to grant the injunction.

The plaintiffs had asked that state funds to the college be cut off because public funds were being spent illegally to hire allegedly unqualified teachers and for personal use by administrators.

Defense Attorney Taglia called the suit a "ruse" by the striking teachers to accomplish what they couldn't do at the bargaining table or by striking.

## Rev. Gordon Gets Appointment To Detroit Church

The Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, pastor of Union Memorial African Methodist Episcopal church for nearly 11 years, and an active Twin Cities civic leader, has been assigned to an AME church in Detroit. The appointment is effective Wednesday.

Announcement of a successor to the Rev. Gordon is expected soon.

The Rev. Gordon has been assigned to the Allen Temple AME church on Helen street, Detroit, by the Rt. Rev. H. Thomas Primm, presiding bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church.

During his tenure here, the Rev. Gordon has gained prominence as an outspoken advocate of solidarity and cooperation among all citizens on problems. He has been a staunch foe of any plan to fragment or partition Benton Harbor Area schools. He also has been an avid letter writer to the Readers' Forum of this newspaper.

Coming here in September, 1962, when the AME church was at Colfax and Bond street, Benton Harbor, the Rev. Gordon succeeded another popular pastor of long tenure, the Rev. Robert A. Schley, who served 11 years. He was assigned to Grand Rapids.

Urban renewal was started in Benton Harbor, and demolition included the old AME church. The Rev. Gordon led his congregation in acquiring an eight-acre site at Crystal and East Empire avenues, Benton township, for a new AME church and pastorate.

The departure marks a double loss for the community. The Rev. Gordon's wife, Janet, also has served the community, being best known as a public health nurse active in the Model Cities clinic. Mrs. Gordon and her husband helped spearhead the sickle cell anemia program, recently chartered by a national association.

Community improvement efforts were recognized in 1967 by an appreciation day program for the Gordon family. The program at the church drew leaders from all phases of Twin Cities life. The year 1968 found the Rev. Gordon delivering the baccalaureate address for Benton Harbor high school seniors, and also running on the Republican ticket for a Berrien county board of commissioners seat.

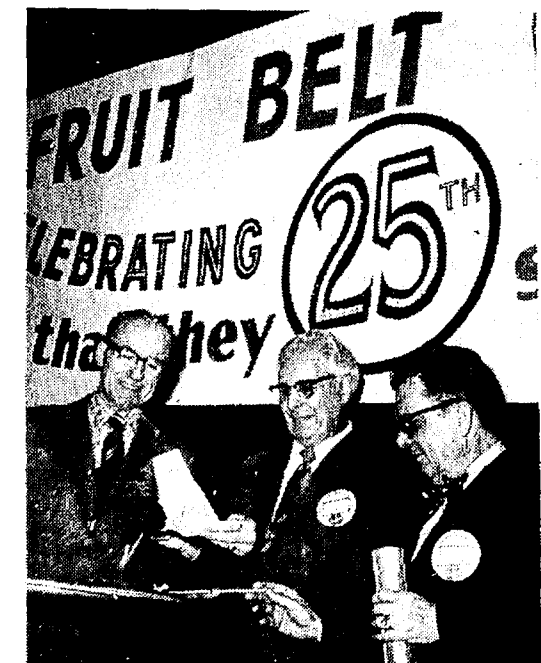
Although the political race was unsuccessful, the popular pastor had some illustrious campaign backing in the appearance of Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of then Gov. George Romney. The Rev. Gordon previously held pastorates in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Michigan. He was educated at Wilberforce university and Payne Theological seminary, both at Wilberforce, Ohio; Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio; the University of Chicago; and Chicago Theological seminary. He has held posts in the AME Ohio and Michigan conferences.

## License Deadline Is Tonight

LANSING (AP) — Because of a quirk in the law, Michigan motorists will have until midnight tonight to get 1973 license plates on their automobiles, State Police said.

State Police and local police will not begin to issue tickets for improper plates until 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The extension is based on a law which says a legal period — in this instance license plate terms — that ends on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday will be extended to the next day which is not one of those days.



UP IN FLAMES: Charter members of Fruitbelt chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, and key figures in the construction of the Choratorium, the organization's clubhouse on Union avenue in Benton township, team up to burn the \$16,000 mortgage at the 25th anniversary of the founding of the chapter Saturday night at St. Joseph Elks Lodge. From left are Gus Reeves, long-time secretary; past president Maurice G. Humphrey; and Howard Cayo, first president.



REV. C. WESLEY GORDON  
Assigned to Detroit



MRS. JANET GORDON  
Wife Of Pastor

## Strike Involves 300 Workers At Paramount Die

About 300 hourly-rated employees of Paramount Die Casting company of Stevensville, members of Local 2140, International Association of Machinists, struck the company yesterday.

The strike, first since the company began operations in 1944, came after members of the union Saturday afternoon in a meeting at Stevensville Legion hall rejected a contract proposal worked out between company and union negotiators.

Main reason for the rejection apparently was economic, according to Dale Gano, personnel director.

He said no further meetings with the union have been scheduled, although a federal

mediator has been contacted.

Clarence Barroh, chairman of the union's shop committee at the plant, said a meeting of the union committee was scheduled this morning, but that he had no further comment about the issues involved.

Picket lines were being manned today at the company's plant on Red Arrow highway.

The company's contract with the union expired at midnight Saturday, Gano said, and negotiations on a new agreement had been underway for several weeks.

Employees of the company who are not members of the union remained on the job this morning.

Paramount, one of the country's largest custom die casting companies, manufactures aluminum, zinc and magnesium die castings which are used extensively in automotive equipment, communications, appliance, office machine and industrial and commercial equipment industries.

## Board Is Meeting

Hagar township board of review reconvened today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the township hall to hear complaints regarding property damage along Lake Michigan.

Board Chairman John Globensky said the action is being taken to reserve the property owners right of appeal to the state tax commission.

## VALUED AT \$708

## Five Arrested For Stealing Clothing

State police from the Benton Harbor post, with a big assist from the Bridgman police department, Saturday afternoon arrested four women and a juvenile girl, all of Benton Harbor, and recovered clothing, stolen and valued at more than \$700.

Trooper G.W. Fouty said an employee of the What's New 1 apparel shop, 4205 Red Arrow highway, Stevensville, phoned the post to report several women were throwing items of

clothing about the store in anger. They reportedly had been accused of trying to steal some ear rings.

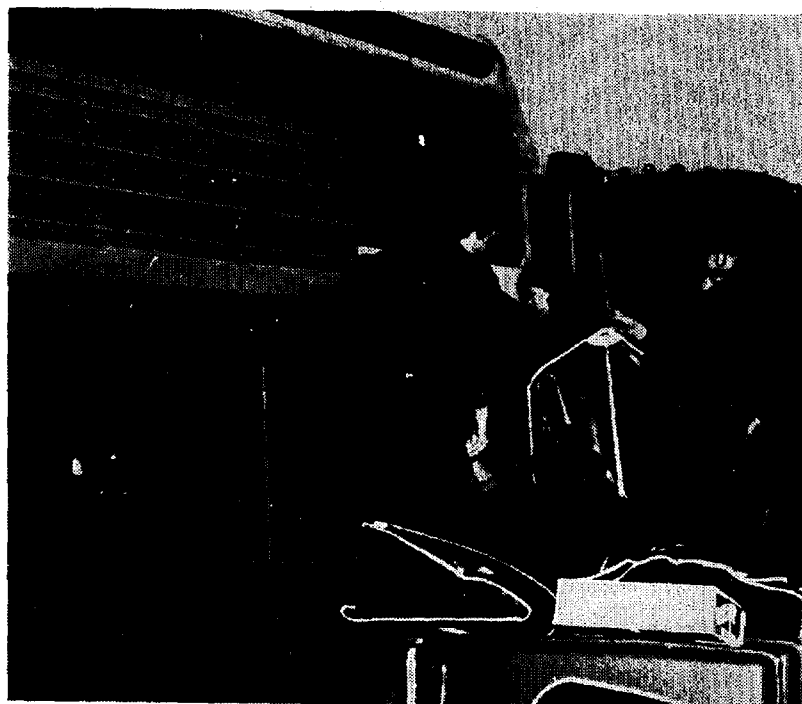
The women left before troopers Fouty and Michael Kempfer arrived at the store, but the employee got a description and license number of their car. Soon afterward, the post was notified by Bridgman Police Chief Michael Pedde that the car was at a service station in Bridgman having a tire changed. Pedde had overheard police radio traffic.

The troopers from Benton Harbor, Pedde, and Trooper Arthur Nash of the New Buffalo post, arrested the women at the service station.

Several price tags for clothing were found in a toilet in the women's restroom, Fouty said. He said other clothing, mostly pant suits, still with price tags from several stores, and valued at \$708, were found in the trunk of the car.

Booked for larceny in a building and lodged in Berrien county jail were:

Anna Sue Thorp, 25, and Sharon Blakely, 25, both of 764 Broadway; Bobbie Jean Willis, 36, of 643 Colfax avenue; and Rose Marie Doss, 28, of 541 McAllister avenue. The girl, 16, also of Benton Harbor, also was booked and lodged in jail. She will be petitioned to juvenile court.



OFF TO FLORIDA: Members of Bridgman high school band load buses Saturday before departing for St. Petersburg, Fla., and Festival of States band competition this week. Sixty students made trip. Band, directed by James Bembek, represents Michigan at festival. Students, aided by Bridgman band boosters, raised over \$10,000 to finance appearance. (Barbara Taylor photo)

## Indiana Crash Fatal To Young BH Area Man

SOUTH BEND — Michael C. Nintz, 27, a Benton Harbor man who had recently taken a job in Wakarusa, Ind., was killed in a one-car crash southeast of here early Saturday morning, St. Joseph county, Ind., sheriff's police reported.

Nintz, whose Benton Harbor address was route 3, box 182, Maple Lane, was alone in a car traveling east on Pierce road, east of state road 331, when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel at about 2:55 a.m., police said.

They said the car left the road on the left side, traveled about 200 feet, struck a tree and spun

around, coming to rest on its right side. The victim was declared dead at the scene by a deputy St. Joseph county coroner, police said.

Mr. Nintz was born on Oct. 24, 1945, in Benton Harbor. He was employed at Vinnu Corporation of Wakarusa, Ind.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Doris B. Nintz of Benton Harbor; and a sister, Mrs. James (Rebecca) Griffiths of St. Joseph.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Dey Brothers



MICHAEL C. NINTZ  
Killed in accident

funeral home, with the Rev. R.W. Kruthoff, pastor of the Crystal Springs Church of God, officiating. Burial will be in Crystal Springs cemetery.



FIRE DAMAGES HOME: Home of Mildred Baham on 66th street in Keeler township, near Sister Lakes in Van Buren county was extensively damaged by fire Sunday morning. Two firemen required medical attention for cuts received battling blaze, but were not hospitalized. Woman who reported fire, Mrs. Marguerite Pierson, a neighbor, however was hospitalized after apparently suffering heart attack. (Sandy Engle photo)

## Three Casualties Reported In Blaze At Sister Lakes

SISTER LAKES — Two firemen were injured fighting a house fire Sunday morning near Sister Lakes and a neighbor suffered an apparent heart attack after reporting the fire.

Treated for cuts on the hands and arms caused by flying glass were Sister Lakes volunteer firemen Everett Bogart and Dale Swisher.

Taken to Niles Pawating hospital by the fire department ambulance was Mrs. Marguerite Pierson, 66, who lives

across the street from the house that was destroyed by fire. No one was at home at the time of the blaze.

She reported the fire about 9:30 a.m. and told neighbors that she believed small children were in the home. Firemen found no one at home but had to take Mrs. Pierson to the hospital where she is reported in good condition today.

The neighboring homes are located on the corner of 86th and 90th streets in Keeler township near Sister Lakes.

Sister Lakes Fire Chief Pat Pitcher said interior of the one and a half story frame house was a total loss due to the blaze that started in the ceiling of the dining room. Chief Pitcher and Keeler Fire Chief Robert Hall, who's men assisted at the fire, believe the cause of the fire was electrical.

The home is owned by Mildred Baham who reportedly resides there with several children.

Total estimated damage to the house was put at \$15,000.